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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company Request for Approval of a Contract for Electric Service with China Jushi USA Corporation and Request for Confidential Treatment  
**Docket No. 2017-297-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and has no objection to the filing submitted by South Carolina Electric and Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "Company") requesting approval of the Contract for Electric Service ("Contract") with China Jushi USA Corporation ("China Jushi").

China Jushi, a global manufacturer and promoter of fiberglass products, is establishing its first US fiberglass manufacturing operations in Richland County. This long-term commitment includes an investment of approximately \$300 million with 400 new jobs expected to be created.

SCE&G will provide electric service to the facility in accordance with the Company's Rate 23 – Industrial Power Service along with an Economic Development Incentive Credit ("Credit"). The Contract has an initial term of twenty (20) years, unless SCE&G and China Jushi agree to an early termination, and is extended automatically until terminated by either party giving the other a written Minimum Termination Notice.

ORS supports the Company's Contract with China Jushi. ORS would note that SCE&G has stated that the provisions of the Contract regarding the Credit are commercially sensitive and proprietary in nature. Due to this, and the highly competitive nature of the industry that China Jushi operates, the Company has requested confidential treatment of the Contract in accordance with Commission Order No. 2005-226.

While ORS has opposed several recent requests for confidential treatment of materials and documents filed with the Commission in other dockets, due to the fact that the contract for which confidential treatment is sought here was entered into by the parties on July 13, 2017, ORS does not oppose the present request of the Company.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding the matter above.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey M. Nelson

cc: Matthew W. Gissendanner, Esquire (via E-Mail)  
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